

COUNTY OF HAWAII

RESOLUTION NO. 171 04
(Draft 2)

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO PLACE A
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON THE NOVEMBER 2004 STATEWIDE
BALLOT REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCALLY ELECTED SCHOOL
BOARDS.**

WHEREAS, education provides the basis for individual success, as well as social stability, civic vitality and economic prosperity in our society; and

WHEREAS, approximately 180,000 of Hawai'i's children are enrolled in public schools; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's public school education system is continuously criticized for failing to provide the quality education and facilities necessary to prepare students to meet the challenges of the future successfully; and

WHEREAS, the option of forming locally elected school boards has been proposed as an alternative to the current centralized system; and

WHEREAS, the proposal has generated much controversy and debate from both sides of the issue; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous bills presently in the 2004 Legislature regarding this very issue; and

WHEREAS, two of these bills, House Bill 2331 and Senate Bill 2806, provide residents the opportunity to decide for or against locally elected school boards by proposing a constitutional amendment for consideration in the 2004 General Election; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Hawai'i should not be deprived of the opportunity to "weigh in" directly on such an important issue, such as the education of our children.

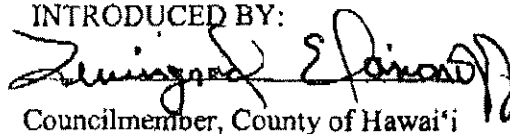
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Hawai'i that it urges the Hawai'i State Legislature to approve a constitutional amendment posing the question of locally elected school boards during the 2004 Regular Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council requests that the amendment be prepared in time for the November 2004 General Election ballot.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Clerk of the County of Hawai'i is hereby instructed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Speaker of the Hawai'i State House of Representatives, the President of the Hawai'i State Senate, Hawai'i Island State Legislators and County Councils in the State of Hawai'i.

Dated at Kona, Hawai'i this 17th day of March, 2004.

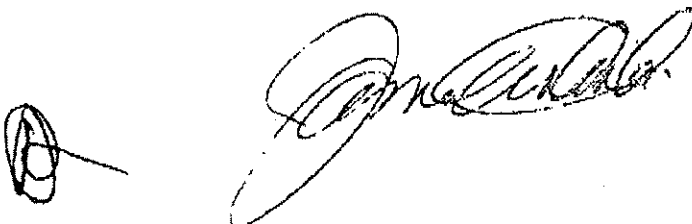
INTRODUCED BY:


Councilmember, County of Hawai'i

COUNTY COUNCIL
County of Hawai'i
Hilo, Hawai'i

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was by the vote indicated to the right hereof adopted by the COUNCIL of the County of Hawai'i on March 17, 2004.

ATTEST:



ROLL CALL VOTE

	AYES	NOES	ABS	EX
ARAKAKI			X	
CHUNG		X		
ELARIONOFF	X			
HOLSCHUH	X			
JACOBSON	X			
REYNOLDS	X			
SAFARIK			X	
TULANG		X		
TYLER	X			
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Reference C-552.1